

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dianne Earhart on her selection as Washington County Schools' Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Earhart is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Earhart, a physical education teacher at South Central School, has recently been selected as Washington County Schools' Teacher of the Year for Grades Fifth through Eighth, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Earhart received her bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University and her master's degree from Union College in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a physical education teacher for thirty-four years, all at South Central School; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Earhart always strives to be interactive with and accessible to students and believes that fitness is prime and students need to be fit for life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Earhart encourages her students to achieve their own personal best, by providing a very visual and tactile environment; and

WHEREAS, drawing on a common student motivator, competition, she creates a series of challenges for the students to complete in order to earn awards; her students compete against their own times, not with each other; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching physical education, Ms. Earhart coaches volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, and girls soccer; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated employee, she applied for and received a grant for new equipment for the school; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Earhart is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as athletes and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Earhart truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Earhart truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dianne Earhart of South Central School on being chosen as Washington County Schools' Teacher of the Year for Grades Fifth through Eighth, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.